

WE CLAIM:

1. A method of providing, in a mark-up language format, data representative of a control code for installation on a control device.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is provided via a data network.
3. The method of claim 1, comprising:
  - enabling a user to specify to a server on the network an apparatus for being controlled by the control device; and
  - enabling the server to identify a corresponding control code for being provided as the data in the mark-up language format.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the control code is part of an EPG.
5. The method of claim 1, comprising supplying a GUI element for use on the control device, the GUI element being supplied as further data in the mark-up language format.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the GUI element comprises a graphical representation of a remote control device.
7. A remote control device suitable for receiving data in a mark-up language format for being installed on the device as a control code for control of CE equipment.
8. The device of claim 7, having a display monitor and being suitable for receipt of a GUI element in a mark-up language format.
9. A data base for control codes for controlling apparatus through a control device, the data base comprising the control codes formatted in a mark-up language.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be changed.